

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 745

By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lauren Blair Grissom  
upon being crowned Miss Tennessee USA for  
2006.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who bring beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative young lady is Lauren Grissom, who was crowned Miss Tennessee USA during pageant competition in Clarksville on October 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a native of Shelbyville, Lauren bested 64 other beautiful young women in evening gown, swimwear, and personal interview competition to claim the regal title of Miss Tennessee USA for 2006; and

WHEREAS, as the newly crowned Miss Tennessee USA, Lauren will proudly represent the Volunteer State and vie for the national title at the prestigious Miss USA pageant, which will be televised live nationwide from Baltimore on April 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, this exceptionally talented young lady adds this esteemed laurel to an already impressive resume in pageant competition, one which includes her being crowned the 2001 Miss Winter Fest in Gatlinburg's pageant and the 2002 Bedford County Fairest of the Fair pageant in Shelbyville; and

WHEREAS, the singular Miss Grissom is a 2003 graduate of The Webb School in Bell Buckle, where she exhibited her leadership abilities as captain of the varsity basketball team and played varsity soccer; and

WHEREAS, this beautiful brunette has been modeling in the Nashville area since the tender age of 16; at the age of 18, she competed at the Millie Lewis Model and Talent

Convention in Orlando, where she was named Petite Model of the Year and won first place in the television commercial and photography and runway categories; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Lauren worked as a commercial print and video model in New York and Los Angeles for several months; this veteran of the runway has appeared in countless fashion shows, has been featured in several television commercials, commercial print advertisements, and catalogues; and has appeared in music videos with such luminaries as Keith Urban, Blake Shelton, Randy Travis, Uncle Kracker, and Urban Myths; and

WHEREAS, Lauren is presently a sophomore at Middle Tennessee State University pursuing a major in Art Education; she plans to use her Miss Tennessee USA scholarship to attend the prestigious O'More School of Design next fall; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Lauren gives back to her community through volunteer work with the Boys and Girls Club of Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Lauren's family is justifiably proud of this remarkable young lady and her many accomplishments, especially her parents, Mike and Robbie Grissom and Angela and John Floyd; sisters, Lindsey and Karly; and grandparents, Bill and Jane Moore, Clara and Robert Osteen, Melvin and Nancy Grissom, and Holt Hix; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Grissom has attained excellence in many diverse fields of human endeavor at a young age, from the visual and performing arts to interscholastic sports and pageant competition, and she should be specially praised and recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lauren Blair Grissom upon her recent coronation as Miss Tennessee USA for 2006 and wish her much continued success in the upcoming Miss USA pageant and in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.